

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF GAS MASKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coal India Ltd. had purchased about 30,000 gas masks technically called 'filter Self Rescuers at a cost of Rs. 5 crore which were later found to be faulty;
- (b) if so, whether such gas masks were purchased after proper test; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) and (b) Thirty thousand (30,000) filter self rescuers approved by Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) were procured in 1996-97 and put into use. However, in 1998, as per advice of DGMS, these were withdrawn from use and after sample testing at Central Mining Research Institute, Dhanbad, all these thirty thousand self rescuers have again been put into use in 1999 on the basis of satisfactory test results.

(c) Not applicable in view of reply given to parts (a) & (b) abuse.